AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A bearing structure, comprising: a shaft seat having a bearing provided therein, and a rotation shaft rotatably mounted in the bearing, the improvement comprising:

a race formed with a hole, the shaft fitting tightly through the hole such that the race rotates with the rotation shaft and is located above the bearing, a circumferential edge of the race having a radial diameter substantially equal to an inner diameter of the shaft seat such that said circumferential edge is almost or slightly in contact with an inner wall of the shaft seat to minimize any gap between said circumferential edge of the race and said inner wall of the shaft seat, and

at least one washer confined between the race and the bearing in a loose fit manner for permitting free rotation of the washer about the rotation shaft,

wherein said race is made of an elastic material such that any contact between said race and said inner wall of the shaft seat is an elastic contact.

2. (Previously Presented) The bearing structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rotation shaft has an annular groove for a snapping connection of a snap member.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The bearing structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thickness of the circumferential edge of the race is smaller than that of the mediate portion of the race.

5. (Previously Presented) The bearing structure as claimed in claim 4, wherein the thickness of the mediate portion of the race is gradually tapered toward the circumferential edge of the race.

6. (Previously Presented) The bearing structure as claimed in claim 4, wherein the circumferential edge of the race is formed with the same thickness, and is mounted on the middle of the mediate portion of the race in an annular manner.

7. (Previously Presented) The bearing structure as claimed in claim 4, wherein the circumferential edge of the race is formed with the same thickness, and is mounted on an end edge of the mediate portion of the race in an annular manner.

8. (Previously Presented) The bearing structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the circumferential edge is formed with an inclined portion which is bent and inclined relative to the bearing.